Welfare of Street Children :

24. Bal Sahyog, Connaught Place, New Delhi.
25. PRAYAS, Jahangirpuri, Delhi.
26. Salam Balak Trust, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.
27. ANKURAN, Janakpuri, New Delhi.
28. Indian Council of Child Welfare, Deen Dayal Upadyay Marg, New Delhi.
29. Sewa Bharathi, Jhandewalan, New Delhi.

Fitting/Purchase of AIDS and Appliances for the Disabled :

30. Amarjyoti Charitable Trust, Karkardooma, Vikas Marg, Delhi.
31. Delhi Council of Child Welfare, Delhi.
32. All India Federation for Deaf, Rama Krishna Marg, Delhi.
33. Delhi Midtown Rotary Service Trust, New Delhi.

Welfare of Backward Classes and Minorities :

1. Hamdard Study Circle, New Delhi.
2. SOFED Jamia Millia University, New Delhi.
3. S.N. Das Gupta College, New Delhi.
4. Rao's IAS Study Circles, New Delhi.
5. Employment Today, New Delhi.
6. Sachdeva New PT College, New Delhi.
7. Delhi Public College of Competition, New Delhi.

[English]

Revamped Public Distribution System

2561. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the revamped public distribution system introduced in drought prone and under developed regions of the country is in deep trouble as at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the recent review of the system the grain offtake between April and December 1995 was down by more than a million tonne and there was a gap of 30% between allocation and offtake in various States under the scheme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures being taken to improve the working of the system?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The off-take of foodgrains is less than the allocation during the period because of easy availability of grains in the open market at prices comparable to the Issue Prices.

(e) Government proposes to streamline the PDS with its focus on the poor and issue foodgrains to the population below the poverty line at specially subsidised prices.

Bharat Gold Mines Limited

2562. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Australian company pulling out of the proposed gold mines venture of Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) in Kolar;

(b) whether earlier another foreign company backtracked on its decision to scout for gold in Kolar;

(c) whether the Government propose to proceed further in the matter apart from ploughing more funds into the company; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the new revival plan submitted by the Bharat Gold Mines Limited to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI), the operating agency appointed by the Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstructions (BIFR)?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). On the basis of the offers received against global tender floated by the Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), two foreign Companies were shortlisted. BGML signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the preferred shortlisted Company. Subsequently, this Company backed out from the joint venture proposal. Negotiations with the next shortlisted party also did not materialise.

(c) and (d). The revised rehabilitation proposal formulated by BGML and submitted to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) is yet to be received by the Government.

Film Industry, Bangalore

2563. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start a Film and Television Institute in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Bank assistance is likely to be sought for the proposed Institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?